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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Releases 60-Day Report of Registration for November 8 Special Statewide Election

Sacramento, CA --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today released the latest Report of Registration summarizing the number of Californians registered to vote, and how they have chosen to affiliate themselves politically.

Registration totals for the seven qualified political parties as of September 9, 2005, 60-days prior to the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election, are as follows:

| <u>Party</u> | <u>Number of Registrants</u> | <u>Percentage of State Total</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| American Independent | 310,284 | 1.96 percent |
| Democratic | 6,773,625 | 42.76 percent |
| Green | 147,565 | 0.93 percent |
| Libertarian | 83,728 | 0.53 percent |
| Natural Law | 23,969 | 0.15 percent |
| Peace and Freedom | 59,261 | 0.37 percent |
| Republican | 5,511,009 | 34.79 percent |
| Declined to State | 2,846,140 | 17.97 percent |

There are a total of 15,839,327 registered voters in California.

Official reports from California's 58 county elections officials incorporate list purges administered locally in odd-numbered years, as well as additional registrants.

The following are new totals as of 60 days before the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election compared to totals as of 60 days prior to the October 7, 2003 Special Statewide Election:

- The number of registered voters has increased by 843,826 from 14,995,501 to 15,839,327.
- The number of Democrats registered decreased from 44.1 percent to 42.8 percent.
- The number of Republicans registered has decreased from 35.3 percent to 34.8 percent.
- The number of voters who decline to state a party affiliation has increased from 15.7 percent to 18 percent.

Voter registration updates occur 60 days and 15 days prior to each general election. There is one update released in February of each non-election year. The next report released will be the 15-day report and will contain voter registration information through October 24th.

The detailed report can be found on Secretary McPherson's website at www.ss.ca.gov. To obtain copies of the 60-day Report of Registration, please contact the Secretary of State Press Office at 916-653-6575.